(a) whether Government have received the recommendations/ report of the Seminar held recently to discuss organisation and management of college governing Bodies and role of State and Central agencies in the functioning of autonomous colleges;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closing down of fake Universities

†723. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has issued any list of fake universities being run in various States of the country and whether Government are aware of the said list;

(b) if so, the number of fake universities and the States in which they are larger in number; and

(c) what stringent action has been taken by Government to close these fake universities immediately as well as against their organisers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Presently there are 18 Universities/Institutions in the country which have been declared as "Fake" and which are functioning in violation of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956. The List of Fake

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Universities and their location as on May 1, 2000 is given in the statement (*See* below). A Special Cell known as Malpractices Cell to deal with matters relating to the existence/functioning of Fake Universities in the country have been set up for the purpose in the UGC and Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The Cells are in touch with different agencies of the Central Government and the State Governments to take such measures as are considered necessary for checking the menace of fake institutions. At the beginning of each academic session, the UGC also issues a Press Release in National Dailies advising students, wards and the public at large, not to pursue Higher Education/Courses in such self-styled Universities/ Vishwavidyalayas which are functioning unauthorisedly in different parts of the country.

Statement

List of Fake Universities as on May 1, 2000

1. Maithili University/Vishwavidyalaya, Darbhanga, Bihar.

2. Mahila Gram Vidyapith/Vishwavidyalaya, (Women's University) Prayag, Allahabad (UP).

3. Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi (UP)/ Jagatpuri, Delhi.

4. Commercial University Ltd., Daryaganj, Delhi.

5. Indian Education Council of U.P., Lucknow (UP).

6. Gandhi Hindi Vidyapith, Prayag, Allahabad (UP).

7. National University of Electro Complex Homoeopathy, Kanpur.

8. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University (Open University), Achaltal, Aligarh (UP).

9. D.D.B. Sanskrit University, Putur, Trichi, Tamil Nadu.

10. St. John's University, Kishanattam, Kerala.

11. United Nations University, Delhi.

12. Vocational University, Delhi.

13. Uttar Pradesh Vishwavidyalaya, Kosi Kalan, Mathura (UP).

14. Maharana Pratap Shiksha Niketan Vishwavidyalaya, Pratapgarh (UP).

15. Arabic University. Nagpur.

16. Kesarwani Vidyapith, Jabalpur (MP).

17. Delhi Vishwa Vidyapeeth, 233, Tagore Park, Model Town, Delhi-110 009.

18. Badaganvi Sarkar World Open University Education Society, Gokak, Belgaum (Karnataka).

Rewriting History

724. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 5th June, 2000 captioned "How to rewrite history, RSS—Style";

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government agree with the RSS perspective of Indian History, as reflected in text books used in schools run by its sister organisations;

(d) if so, the factors upon which the agreement is based;

(e) whether the sole purpose of reinterpretation of historical facts is to indoctrinate and poison young minds with a prejudiced vision of the past; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (f) The recognition of

schools and introduction of text-books are within the purview of the State Governments. As and when any objectionable references are brought to the notice of the Union Government, the matter is referred to the States for necessary action. The Central Government of its organisations do not have any direct role in this matter.

Upgradation of Engineering Institutions

725. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to pick up 40 top engineering institutions in the country to make them world class institutions, with assistance from the World Bank;

(b) if so, how many engineering institutions from Tamil Nadu have been selected, what are their names; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) An Advisory Committee constituted by the Ministry of Information Technology has identified 43 Engineering Colleges including (i) Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirapalli, (ii) PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore and (iii) Anna University, Chennai, from Tamil Nadu, for consideration of upgradation with minimal expenditure particularly with the objective of meeting the growing need of Information Technology professionals. The recommendation including their funding aspect is in conceptual stage.

(c) Does not arise.